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JOHNSTOWN AND STONY CREEK RAILROAD

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Location: West of Central Avenue, North of Ohio Street, adjacent to Stony Creek River, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pennsylvania

Date of Construction: 1898

Builders: Johnson Steel Street Rail Company

Present Owner: Conrail

Present Use: Railroad line

History: Along with the construction of the Johnson Steel Street Rail Company's works in Moxham, the railmaking concern built a captive line, the Johnstown & Stony Creek Railroad. It extended from Messenger Street through the Moxham works, south to Riverside, and began operating in 1898. When U.S. Steel acquired the Moxham works in 1901 it assumed control of Johnstown & Stony Creek. U.S. Steel closed the Moxham works in 1983 and sold its captive line to Conrail. This line currently serves three industrial concerns, the Johnstown Corporation (successor to U.S. Steel's Moxham works), Moxham Lumber Company, and the Sheesly Concrete Company. The line south from Moxham has been abandoned.

Sources: Johnstown Tribune-Democrat, July 12, 1991.

William D. Edson, Railroad Names: A Directory of Common Carriers Operating in the United States, 1826-1989, (n.p.; 1989).

Project Information: In February 1987, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) began a multi-year historical and architectural documentation project in southwestern Pennsylvania. Carried out in conjunction with America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP), HAER undertook a comprehensive inventory of Blair, Cambria, Indiana, Fayette and Westmoreland counties as the first step in identifying the region's surviving historic engineering works and industrial resources.

The results of this project have been published in Blair County and Cambria County, Pennsylvania: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites (1990), edited by Gray Fitzsimons and produced by HABS/HAER for the National Park Service.